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REFS: A) ROME 5535, B) ROME 5720, C) STATE 253506

[1](#). THIS CABLE CONTAINS AN ACTION REQUEST, PLEASE SEE
PARAGRAPH 10.

[2](#). ECMIN AND ECON SPECIALIST MET WITH COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY SENIOR OFFICIALS DECEMBER 16 TO CONVEY INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN REF C. OFFICIALS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY
ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

[3](#). THE AGENDA PROPOSED IN REF C WAS ACCEPTED IN ITS
ENTIRETY BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY OFFICIALS WITH THE
SINGLE ADDITION OF 3G TO BE DISCUSSED IN SESSION VI
(TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS). IT ALSO WAS AGREED TO END THE
BILATERAL WITH A LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, TO ALLOW TIME FRIDAY
AFTERNOON FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. DELEGATION
AND ITALIAN COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

[4](#). A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH ITALIAN INDUSTRY IS VIEWED
FAVORABLY BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WHO ALSO
FULLY CONCUR THAT THIS SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BILATERAL. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY
OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEY WISH TO BE KEPT INFORMED AND
ASKED THAT SUCH A MEETING BE OPENED TO AS MANY OPERATORS AS
POSSIBLE, RATHER THAN TO A SELECTED FEW. THE COMMUNICATIONS
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MINISTRY OFFICIALS INITIALLY OFFERED TO ORGANIZE AND HOST,
SEPARATE FROM THE BILATS, THE MEETING WITH INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES, BUT IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION INDICATED
THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE NATIONAL ICT PRIVATE SECTOR
ASSOCIATION WERE TO TAKE THE LEAD. (EMBASSY COMMENT: A
MEETING WITH ITALIAN PRIVATE SECTOR IS STILL IN THE WORKS AS
CONTACTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN INFORMAL AND LIMITED. EMBASSY
WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER AND KEEP WASHINGTON
INFORMED.)

[5](#). PRESS. THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY DOES NOT ENVISION A
PRESS CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW THE BILATERALS. THEY WOULD LIKE
TO ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT, WHICH CAN BE AGREED UPON
IN ADVANCE AND FINE-TUNED, IF NECESSARY, DURING THE
BILATERAL.

[6](#). REPRESENTATION EVENTS. THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES HAVE AGREED TO COVER MOST (IF NOT
ALL) THE COST OF A U.S.-HOSTED RECEPTION ON THE EVENING OF
MARCH 5. IN EXCHANGE, THEY HAVE ASKED FOR SOME PRIVATE TIME
(ABOUT 1-1/2 HOURS) WITH THE DELEGATION BEFORE THE
RECEPTION. HOSTING A RECEPTION RATHER THAN A DINNER IS MORE
COST EFFECTIVE AND WILL ALLOW AN EXPANDED GUEST LIST TO
INCLUDE ALL EMBASSY ICT CONTACTS. SEPARATELY, THE MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS WILL HOST A DINNER MARCH 6 PRINCIPALLY FOR
THE TWO DELEGATIONS.

[7](#). LOGISTICS AND INTERPRETATION. WE CONFIRMED THAT ALL
BILATERAL SESSIONS, INCLUDING LUNCHEONS, WILL BE HELD AT THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. THE MINISTRY WILL ORGANIZE
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION, WITH COSTS SPLIT (APPROXIMATELY
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1,000 DOLLARS EACH) BETWEEN THE U.S. DELEGATION AND THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

[8](#). THE FOLLOWING IS THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY 3/5/2003

ARRIVALS AND FREE TIME

18.00-19.30 - DELEGATION MEETS AMCHAM ICT COMPANIES AT
AMBASSADOR SEMBLER'S RESIDENCE

19.30-21.30 - U.S.-HOSTED RECEPTION

THURSDAY 3/6/2003

9.30-10.00 - WELCOME ADDRESSES

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER MAURIZIO GASPARRI
U.S. AMBASSADOR MEL SEMBLER

10.00-11.00 - SESSION I - OPENING PLENARY

OVERVIEW: TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS IN ITALY AND THE
U.S.

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	LAB-01	VCE-00	AC-01	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OES-00	OMB-01
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11.00-11.15 - COFFEE BREAK

11.15-13.00 - SESSION II - REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

[1](#)A. TRANSPOSITION/IMPLEMENTATION OF EU COMMUNICATIONS
LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE IN ITALY
[1](#)B. U.S. DOMESTIC PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING FCC TRIENNIAL REVIEW

13.00-14.00 - BUSINESS LUNCHEON

14.00-15.30 - SESSION III - CYBERSECURITY

[1](#)A. NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR CYBERSECURITY
[1](#)B. INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH
[1](#)1. OECD GUIDELINES
[1](#)2. PREPARATION FOR WSIS

15.30-15.45 - COFFEE BREAK

15.45-17.30 - SESSION IV - INT. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

[1](#)A. POST MARRAKECH
[1](#)B. WRC

20.00-22.00 - DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

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FRIDAY 3/7/2003

9.30-10.30 - SESSION V - COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR MERGERS AND
ACQUISITIONS

NOTE: ITALIAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN
THIS ISSUE AND WOULD LIKE THEIR ENTIRE DELEGATION TO BE
PRESENT. HOWEVER, SINCE ITALY IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
POLICY FORMULATION, THEY WOULD LIKE THIS SESSION TO BE IN
THE FORM OF A PRESENTATION BY THE DOJ REPRESENTATIVE
FOLLOWED POSSIBLY BY QS AND AS, RATHER THAN AN EXCHANGE OF

INFORMATION.

10.30-10.45 - COFFEE BREAK

10.45-12.00 - SESSION VI - TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

- 1A. DIGITAL TELEVISION
- 1B. 3G
- 1C. WI-FI
- 1D. SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

12.00-13.00 - SESSION VII - CLOSING REMARKS

13.00-14.00 - CLOSING LUNCHEON.

19. ITALIAN DELEGATION LIST. (NOTE: THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS INDICATED THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE US WITH A MORE DETAILED LIST ASAP).

HEAD OF DELEGATION

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DR. VITTORIO STELO - SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (NOTE: STELO IS A POLITICAL APPOINTEE)

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LICENSING

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR REGULATION

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FREQUENCY ALLOCATION

DIRECTOR GENERAL ISTITUTO SUPERIORE (THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TO THE MINISTER)

DR. STEFANIA MICHELANGELI - DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

MIN. GIANFRANCO GIORGOLO - DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR

(NOTE: DGS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBERS)

COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

DR. ANTONIO AMENDOLA - SENIOR ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN

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DIVISION DIRECTORS AS APPROPRIATE TO THE SESSION DISCUSSIONS

MINISTRY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

DIRECTOR GENERAL

MEMBER(S) FROM THE ICT SECURITY COMMITTEE.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM WASHINGTON AGREES TO ALL THE ABOVE. PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA ASAP FOR INTERPRETATION (APPROXIMATELY 1,000 USD) AND POSSIBLE DRIVER OVERTIME COSTS (APPROX. 300 USD).

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